



Today in History

March 9, 1831

▲ The French Foreign Legion was founded to consolidate all foreign volunteers fighting for France. It now comprises volunteer soldiers from any nation, including France

1932: Eamon de Valera, a political leader in the Irish War of independence, became president of Ireland

1956: Archbishop Makarios was deported from Cyprus

1959: Barbie, the world's best selling doll, made her debut. She was created by Mattel co-founder Ruth Handler and named after her daughter, Barbara

1961: The Soviet Union's Sputnik 9 carried a human dummy into space and returned it successfully to Earth